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MINUTES

LEPC Meeting, September 18, 2002

A meeting of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held September 18, 2002 at Wally's Restaurant, 6521 Ringgold Rd, East Ridge, Tennessee.

Those in attendance were:

Bruce Garner, Chairman, Chattanooga Fire Department
Dane Creel, Vice Chairman, Nabisco, Inc.
Wayne Stuntz, Secretary, Hamilton County Emergency Services
Jon Kavalunas, CARTA
Jamie Farrow, Barge, Wagner, Summer, Cannon
Randy Snorek, Electric Power Board
C.R. Goodner, Hamilton County RACES
Tim McDonald, Chattanooga Storm Water Mgmt
Bill Tittle, Chief, Emergency Management (**Panelist**)
Michael Poe, SOFIX Corp.
Caroline Williams, League of Women Voters
Shirley Wilson (Guest)
Garish Patel, ALCO Chemical
Chris Young, Atlanta Gas Light Company
Mike Edwards, McKee Foods
Billy Mullins, Tennessee State Guard
Wayne Foster, Tennessee State Guard
Mike Beavers, TVA-Sequoyah
Caleb Womack, Chattem Chemicals, Inc.
Nick Greene, Message 911 (Guest)
Tony Weaver, FBI (**Panelist**)
Alan Cosby, Conoco, Inc.
Eric Helquist, JAT Oil
Amy Maxwell, Hamilton County Emergency Services

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Those in Attendance (Cont):

Dr. David Ciraulo, Erlanger Medical Center (**Panelist**)
Lamar Flint, Chattanooga Fire Department (**Panelist**)
Bill Tittle, Hamilton County Emergency Services (**Panelist**)
Tony Reavley, Chief, Hamilton County Emergency Services
Johnny Tong ALCO Chemical
Jim Coppinger, Chattanooga, Fire Dept.
Michael Brooks, East Ridge Fire Dept.
Dan Scott, ASTEC Industries, Inc.
Charles Bramlett, DuPont Chemical
Gerald Clayton, DuPont Chemical
Charles Chauncey, Hamilton County RACES
John Isenberg, Dupont Chemical
Charlie Lamar, Brenntag
Chuck Nichols, Chattanooga Fire Dept.
David Darnell, BASF Corp.
Richard Twitchell, Independent

Chairman Bruce Garner called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Old Business

The Chairman asked if everyone had received the minutes from the July 10, 2002 LEPC meeting. All in attendance indicated that they had and the Chairman then asked that the minutes be approved as written. There being no request for correction or discussion, a motion was made to accept minutes as written, seconded and unanimously approved by the committee at large.

The Chairman asked for the financial report. The Secretary-Treasurer read the financial report previously handed out to each member in attendance. Mr. Stuntz said the LEPC's current AmSouth Bank account balance is \$21,178.04, which includes deposits in the amount of \$1,900.00 since the last bank statement. A copy of the financial report is a matter of record.

The Chairman then asked if there was any other Old Business to discuss—there being none moved on to new business.

New Business

Chairman Garner told the Committee that we were extremely honored to have with us today a special group of experts who are currently preparing our community to respond to large-scale incidents and possible terrorist attacks. Chairman Garner then introduced Dr. David Ciraulo from Erlanger Medical Center as the first panel speaker.

Dr. Ciraulo spoke about the newly formed Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT), the only one in the state of Tennessee. Dr. Ciraulo said the team was made up of surgeons, trauma nurses and emergency physicians who could be mobilized for field operation in 30 minutes once activated. He said currently the team was 150 members strong with a goal to reach 300 members. Dr. Ciraulo said that in the field, the team could perform emergency surgery, cardiovascular resuscitation and function much like a mobile MASH unit. Dr. Ciraulo also spoke briefly about the Emergency Medical Response Trauma Team (EMRTT).

Chairman Garner then introduced Deputy Chief Lamar Flint of the Chattanooga Fire Department, who updated the Committee on efforts related to the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS).

The next panelist was Mr. Tony Weaver of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), who updated the Committee on counter-terrorism measures and how this could affect our community.

The final panelist, Bill Tittle, Chief of Emergency Management, updated the Committee on issues related to Weapons of Mass Destruction, Hamilton County preparedness and on-going response—whether under real conditions or exercise. Mr. Tittle said that preparations were underway for a bio-terrorism table-top exercise late in 2003.

Chairman Garner then thanked the panel for their very informative presentations and the Committee for their questions to the panelists following their presentations.

Following the panel discussions, the Chairman asked Mr. David Darnell for an update on the LEPC Conference. Mr. Darnell said that many of the topics discussed by our panelists would be subjects during the upcoming LEPC Conference. Mr. Darnell said that on October 7 and 8 there would be the two pre-conference training courses. He said that a Hazwopper Refresher course would be offered on Monday, October 7 and an Incident Command Course would be offered on Tuesday, October 8. Mr. Darnell said that both courses were full. He also said that Oct 7 and 8 would include a Domestic Preparedness Course. He said that one course certifies participants at the awareness level and the other at the technician level.

Mr. Darnell also said that the Whistle Stop Tour would begin at 9 a.m. on Friday at the Choo-Choo and consists of 13 rail cars with different configurations. He said that engineers would be available to provide the training. Mr. Darnell said this would be a great opportunity for anyone needing the type of training that will be offered during this tour.

The Chairman then asked Ms. Jamie Farrow, Chairman of the Exercise Subcommittee, to give an update on the fall exercise. Ms. Farrow said that the exercise would occur at the JIT Terminal. She said that JIT Terminal has two main products, which are Propane and Sulfur Dioxide.

Ms. Farrow said that an exercise scenario had not been decided on as yet. She said that November 4th or 11th were tentative dates for the exercise—exact date to be announced later. Ms. Farrow said that the exercise would most likely not start until after 10 a.m.

At this time, the Chairman asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to become a member of the LEPC. There being none, Chairman Garner asked if there was any other “new business” to conduct. Mr. Dane Creel said that unless there were objections, the next meeting would be at Wally’s Restaurant in East Ridge, November 13, 2002.

There were no objections and the Chairman turned the meeting over to the Secretary, acting as Chairman Pro-tem, to conduct officer elections. Mr. Stuntz passed out election ballots and reminded everyone of the “one agency, one vote” policy and that the Chairperson would be elected from the existing five vice-chair positions.

Mr. Stuntz said that term limits prevented Mr. Garner from serving another year as Chairman, and all but one of the five vice chairpersons had declined to accept the Chairperson position. Ms. Jamie Farrow had agreed to accept the position. Mr. Stuntz, in order to make it official, asked that a motion be made to nominate Ms. Farrow to the Chairman position. Mr. Garner made the motion—it was seconded by Mike Poe and unanimously agreed to by the Committee at large. Ms. Farrow was congratulated and applauded.

Mr. Stuntz then proceeded with the election of vice-chair positions. He told the Committee that there were six names on the ballot, four of which were existing vice chairs who agreed to serve another year and that there were two other names on the ballot: one was Mr. Garner, the outgoing Chairman who agreed to continue in a vice-chair role if elected; the other name of the ballot was Mr. Tim McDonald.

Mr. Stuntz reminded voters that there was also a place on the ballot to provide “write-in” names. Mr. Stuntz also asked voting members to place a circle around the name they

wished to fill the “First Vice Chair” position. Members were at this time told to cast their votes. Ballots were then collected and counted.

It was agreed on by the Executive Committee to adjourn the meeting, and during lunch, tally the ballots. After careful counting of the votes, these results were then read to membership: Newly elected vice-chairpersons were: Mr. David Darnell, Mr. Bruce Garner, Mr. Dane Creel, Mr. Larry Martin, and Mr. Richard Twitchell. Mr. Garner was elected as the First Vice Chair.